



Avoid the 30 Riverside County PRESS RELEASE



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SUMMER/LABOR DAY AVOID DUI CAMPAIGN – THURSDAY UPDATE

DUI Arrests Down & DUI Fatalities Down

The nationwide Summer/Labor Day DUI crackdown has resulted in a significant number of DUI arrests from local routine traffic enforcement and special Avoid the 30 DUI deployments in Riverside County.

From 12:01 AM, Friday, August 15, 2014, through Midnight, Wednesday, August 20, 2014, officers representing thirty Riverside County law enforcement agencies arrested **187** individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2013, 234 DUI arrests occurred during the same six (6) day period.

There has been no report of deaths attributed to impaired drivers in our area. Last year, there were two DUI deaths reported during this same period. (**NOTE: These numbers are only provisional with some agencies yet to report**)

Over the next several days of the campaign, DUI/driver's license checkpoints will be conducted in the cities of Riverside, Jurupa Valley, Rancho Mirage and San Jacinto. Task force operations will be conducted by Lake Elsinore, Temecula, Canyon Lake, Perris, Menifee, and State Parks - Lake Perris. DUI saturation patrols will be deployed in the cities of Perris, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Rancho Mirage, Coachella, La Quinta, University of California (UCR) Beaumont, Eastvale, and State Parks - Mount San Jacinto. There are no specialized traffic enforcement operations planned. In addition, all regularly scheduled traffic and patrol officers will focus efforts at stopping and arresting DUI drivers during their normal shifts.

Police officers, sheriff deputies and the CHP encourage all motorists to help make your community safer. DUI arrest data collection will continue through Labor Day, midnight, Monday, September 1, 2014. Avoid programs are named for the number of participating police agencies in each county. Funding for Avoid the 30 operations is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration who reminds you to 'Report Drunk Drivers, Call 911!'

MEDIA NOTE: The checkpoint locations and saturation patrols will be made available for media opportunities or ride-a-longs. To schedule an interview regarding anti-drunk driving efforts or to request a ride-a-long with law enforcement, please contact Sergeant Robert Tipre at 951.351.6046 or via email at RTipre@riversideca.gov.

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